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Application No: 09/682,624 Examiner: Brown, M.

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For: Gastrostomy Tube Band

AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO 11 AUGUST 2003 OFFICE ACTION IN U.S.

APPLICATION NO. 09/682,624

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the 08/11/2003 Office Action in the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and arguments supporting allowance of the claimed subject matter:

AMENDMENTS